



## **Laurel Hill Update** **By the Laurel Hill Project Advisory** **Citizens Oversight Committee**

**October 2005**

The Laurel Hill Project Advisory Citizens Oversight Committee was established by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in February 2005 to monitor the development of the Reformatory and Penitentiary area at Laurel Hill, adjacent to Silverbrook Road in Lorton, VA.

This committee-sponsored electronic newsletter is provided to keep citizens informed about adaptive reuse and other developments at Laurel Hill.

### ***Laurel Hill National Historic Register Nomination***

During the October 17 meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the supervisors voted to endorse the National Historic Register nomination of the proposed 512-acre District of Columbia Workhouse and Reformatory Historic District at Laurel Hill.

The Laurel Hill Project Advisory Citizens Oversight Committee, at its October 4 meeting, had recommended deferral of the nomination, pending additional review and the results of the Request For Proposal process for the Reformatory and Penitentiary site. The Oversight Committee's recommendations regarding the nomination can be viewed at the following link:

**[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/laurelhill/projectadvisory/recommendations.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/laurelhill/projectadvisory/recommendations.pdf)**

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources has re-scheduled its public hearing about the nomination for Monday, November 7, at the Fairfax County Government Center.

### ***Laurel Hill Golf Course***

Please join us in congratulating the Fairfax County Park Authority in the opening of the Laurel Hill Golf Club. The course officially opened on Saturday, October 15th, with public play beginning on October 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call (703) 493-8849, or visit the Park Authority's web page for the Laurel Hill Golf Course:

**[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/laurelhill/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/laurelhill/)**

### ***Laurel Hill Park Plan***

The Fairfax County Planning Commission has re-scheduled the public hearing about the Fairfax County Park Authority master plan for Laurel Hill Park. The new date for the hearing is Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please check the ***Laurel Hill Calendar*** section of this newsletter for the dates of other meetings and events.

## *October 4 Oversight Committee Meeting*

### **Request for Proposal**

Fairfax County staff is in the process of drafting the Request For Proposal for the Reformatory-Penitentiary re-use plan. A member of the Oversight Committee will serve on the county's inter-agency team to assist in drafting the RFP.

The current schedule will allow for the review of the draft by the Fairfax County Architectural Review Board, The Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the Lorton Heritage Society 30 calendar days prior to the release of the RFP. This is required under the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement in the deed of transfer from the federal government to Fairfax County. The schedule calls for release of the RFP by the end of November.

### **Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement – Status Report**

The Oversight Committee is continuing discussions with the Lorton Heritage Society (LHS) regarding the proposed amendment to the MOA. The amendment would include the Laurel Hill Project Advisory Citizens Oversight Committee as a participant in the development of adaptive reuse strategies in the area designated as eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The LHS has expressed opposition to the amendment.

The proposed amendment is a recommendation of the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Citizens Task Force and was accepted by the Board of Supervisors on December 6, 2004.

An amendment to the MOA requires the approval of all 9 signatories.

### **Project Manager for the Reformatory and Penitentiary Area**

Interviews for the project manager position are continuing. The Oversight Committee voted to support the Department of Planning and Zoning's plan to hire a consultant to assist with drafting, distribution and review of responses to the RFP.

### **Out-Of-Turn Plan Amendment**

The Oversight Committee is continuing to review the County Department of Planning and Zoning Schedule for drafting and review of the Out-Of-Turn Plan Amendment to support the land use recommendations of the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Citizens Task Force for the Reformatory and Penitentiary area.

### **Next Oversight Committee Meeting – November 10**

The next meeting of the Oversight Committee will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 10, at the Fairfax County Government Center.

## *Laurel Hill Calendar of Upcoming Meetings and Events*

**October 19, 2005:** New date for the Fairfax County Planning Commission's public hearing at the Government Center to review the Fairfax County Park Authority's master plan for Laurel Hill Park.

**November 7, 2005:** New date for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources required public hearing about the National Historic Register nomination, 7:00 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Rooms 4 & 5

**November 10, 2005:** Laurel Hill Project Advisory Citizens Oversight Committee meeting. 7:00 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center.

*The Oversight Committee's next electronic newsletter will be published in November.*

*Additional information about the land use plans for Laurel Hill, including parkland and adaptive reuse areas are available at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/laurelhill/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/laurelhill/)*